

Call – Ad Hoc FPT Crime Prevention and Police Committee – February 11, 2022

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AB - Marlin Degrand

- Both lanes of traffic continue to block 2 sites: (1) Coutts and (2) the RCMP check point 10 km away at Milk River (that was used to control traffic) is now another protest area
- Various protest tactics being used e.g. slow row convoys; dismounted protest at Legislation; vehicles in Edmonton and Calgary; and sporadic protests across the province with tempo increasing on weekends
- Police trying to avoid situations as seen in Ottawa from happening in AB
- Primary obstructer to deal with situation effectively is that the police have no heavy lift capacity to remove vehicles

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- Situation difficult as trucking industry has disavowed protest and tow truck industry will not support police activity
- Currently searching for other heavy tow capacities to support police
- Anticipate over 1,000 vehicles to Coutts; intelligence officials say spontaneous gathering is inspired by hive mentality and is driven by narrative in media

PS Talal Dakalbab

- Trevor Bhupsingh PS EMPB ADM is working on the request; multiple reasons why it has not yet been approved (i.e. operational and technical)

ON Rick Stubbings

- Has no authority over OPP or police, but have appropriate connections
- Premier announced that emergency authorities are coming; will likely go to Cabinet on today or on Saturday (12 Feb)
- Looking at what can be enacted to assist police and authorities (e.g. consistent with COVID-19 fines, large fines of up to \$100,000)
- Delicate items include impact of children at demonstrations.
- Have connected with ministry of children and family services, local children's aids and with incident commanders
- Goal is not to seize children; Premier said: take kids and go home
- Of major concern for children is the air quality, gasoline (e.g. Ottawa) and activities in protest; don't know much about these issues in Windsor
- Police are organized; looking at what authorities will be with provincial emergency declaration - looking at renewable options in 42 hour increments to address fluid situation
- Legal is working to make sense of situation and put words to legal decisions
- Frustration is building, but RCMP, province and municipal police – have prepared paperwork to swear in federal counterparts to assist in ON

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- Have seen police cut traffic in and around Legislature in anticipation of limiting activity in and around Legislature
- With regard to law enforcement, they are tired
- Premier acknowledges in media that people are tired and he will do everything in his power to support, but operationalizing words on paper will be difficult
- Possible protest at Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls this weekend

PS Dominic Rochon, National and Cyber Security

- Situation not changed since DMs meeting on Monday
- RCMP and CSIS and law enforcement continue to track – ideological, anti-government/mandate/vaccine activity
- These activities are loose and amorphous with no specific leader or central entity
- Activities are taking form of civil disobedience and not sedition or terrorist activity, and have not crossed the threshold to incite violence and thus have not triggered response/tools
- Looking at one or two protesters with former ties with police or military, but not true that those individuals have intelligence or are “plugged in”; these people are clever and conflated in the media – very clever at gaining attention
- Finance – Fintrac (Barry McKillop) appeared at Parliament yesterday to allay any fears that there is any ideological/terrorist angle to demonstrations or that members are financing these protests
- Looking strategically at what critical infrastructure could be targeted next
- Exploring ways to maximizing strategic law enforcement – difficult; try to assess situation using authorities, ticketing and arrests – 25 arrests in Ottawa; exploring what can be used as disincentives for, example, tow truck drivers not willing to help
- On call with US Homeland Security – many linkages as they experience jurisdictional issues with police/Governors, finance issues; punitive actions; same challenges being encountered, including supply chain issues, heavy lift capacity and ability to cross the border – all ideas are being considered; need to maintain open lines of communication on intelligence

TC Aaron McCrorie

- Currently translating document which will be shared with group early next week
- DM presented on Monday; narrowing down strategic enforcement focused on communication – acknowledging the legitimate right to protest, but if impacts national security and economy, it is no longer tolerable and can become illegal
- Prepared to maximize enforcement under Criminal Code and Transportation (legislation) such as pulling commercial and individual licenses with severe consequences which can impact insurance
- Encouraging police to lay charges under Criminal and Transport authorities
- Road side checks in QC to meter traffic and disrupt protest; starts enforcement early on
- Next level of enforcement is to encourage crown prosecutors to maximize penalties
- Messaging: Go home or face consequences
- Will publicize charges and when demonstrators are fined; and to let people know as strategic enforcement strategy, the impacts their actions can have six months down the road
- Tow trucks – looking at an economic strategy (e.g. contracting tools) to maximize enforcement

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- Will share with transportation colleagues next week
- Will also look at federal spending power (e.g. to pay premiums to get tow trucks to participate; disincentive on losing future federal contracts, etc.)
- Looking at procuring tow trucks from out of province (ON)
- Will working on getting these ideas on paper and distribute as soon as translated

PS Talal Dakalbab

- Not an easy situation for anyone. Relationship and information sharing is key and encourage open lines of communication
- DM meeting took place on Monday; there is a willingness to participate in other meetings
- CPPC co-chairs will organize another meeting – next Wed/Thu

NS Hayley Crichton

- via CHAT - knowing time is limited - we have moved all police to the border with Class 1 licenses to move trucks if drivers are arrested.

- via CHAT

Q Rob Cameron - Will the document with "options" also contain a review or evaluation of the constitutional and statutory impacts or issues with the cross jurisdictional issues.

A Aaron McCrorie - Rob - no. The way it is framed it's about using the authorities that you have within your jurisdiction.

Michael Koppang – Suggest to meet again on Monday.

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